OF COURSE THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN POSSIBLE WITHOUT A WHOLE COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE. THIS HAS BEEN A VERY LONG WORK IN PROGRESS AND SO THIS LIST HAS BEEN PUT HERE TO THANK THE FOLLOWING (BUT KNOW THAT IT'S ALWAYS GROWING):

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DON'T STEAL FROM OAKLAND
Rep da Bay
PLEASE RETURN THIS ITEM.

THIS ASIAN AMERICAN LIFE

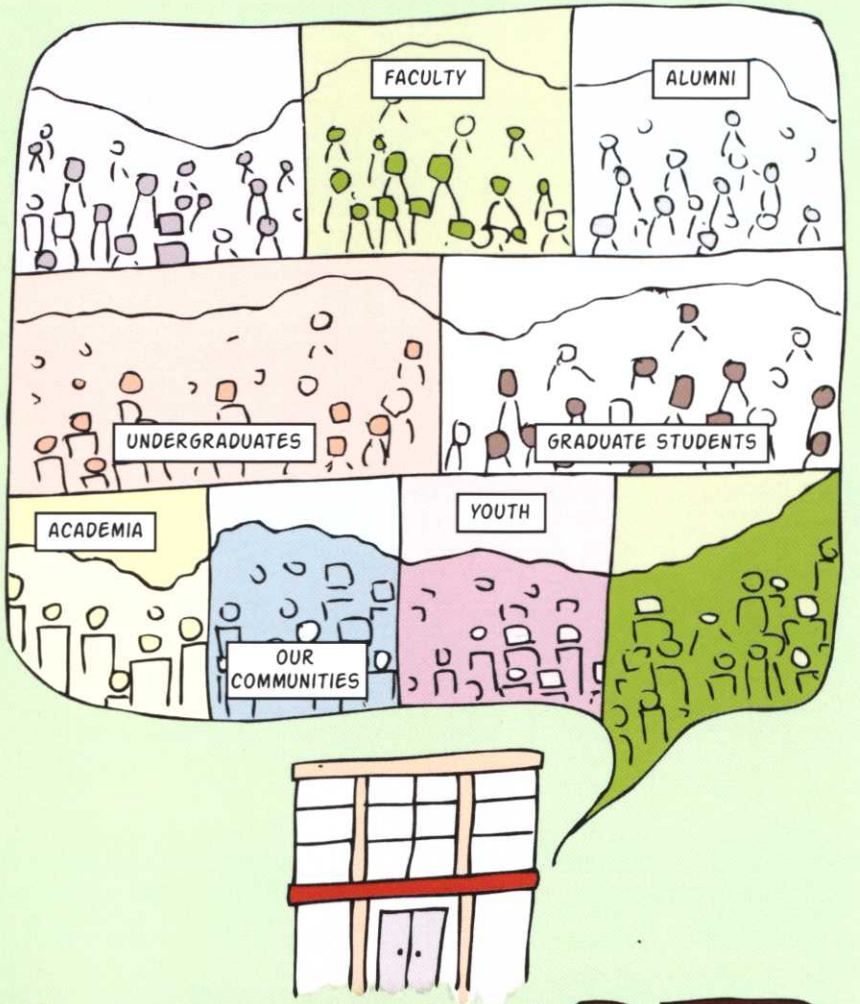
BY KATIE QUAN

DO YOU EAT RICE?
I LOVE ONLY HAPPENS TO WHITE PEOPLE I SAW IT ON TV
ONLY ACC
because THEY NEEDED
A MINORIT
ARE YOU FROM CHINA?
WE
N
DO YOU SPEAK ENGLISH?!
TOO RICH TO HAVE A "REAL" POC EXPERIENCE
I NEED TO BE M TO F
WHERE ARE YOU REALLY FROM?

THE NEXT GENERATION

ADVOCATE, EDUCATE, EMPOWER

ETHNIC STUDIES, EDUCATION, OUR FUTURE



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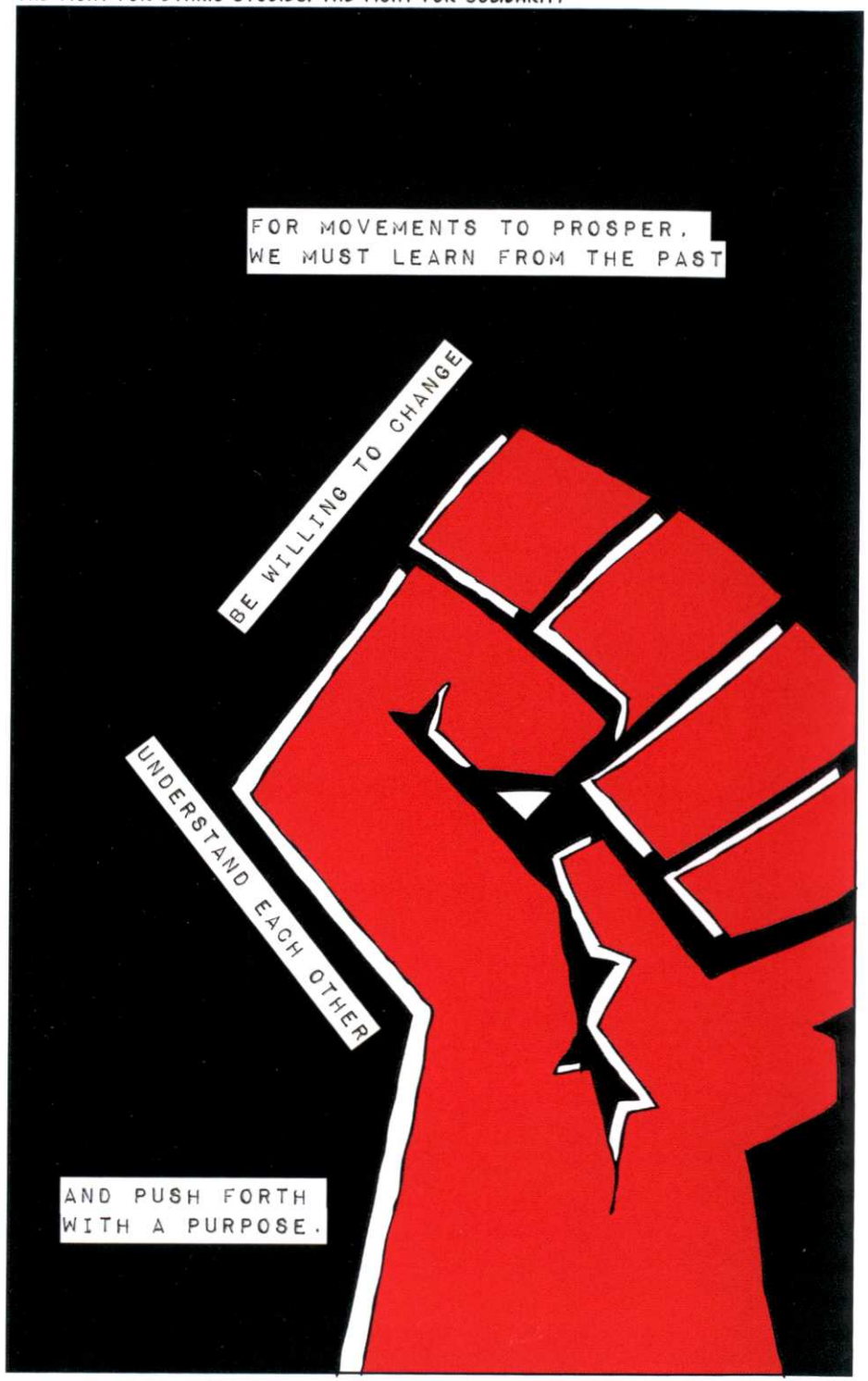
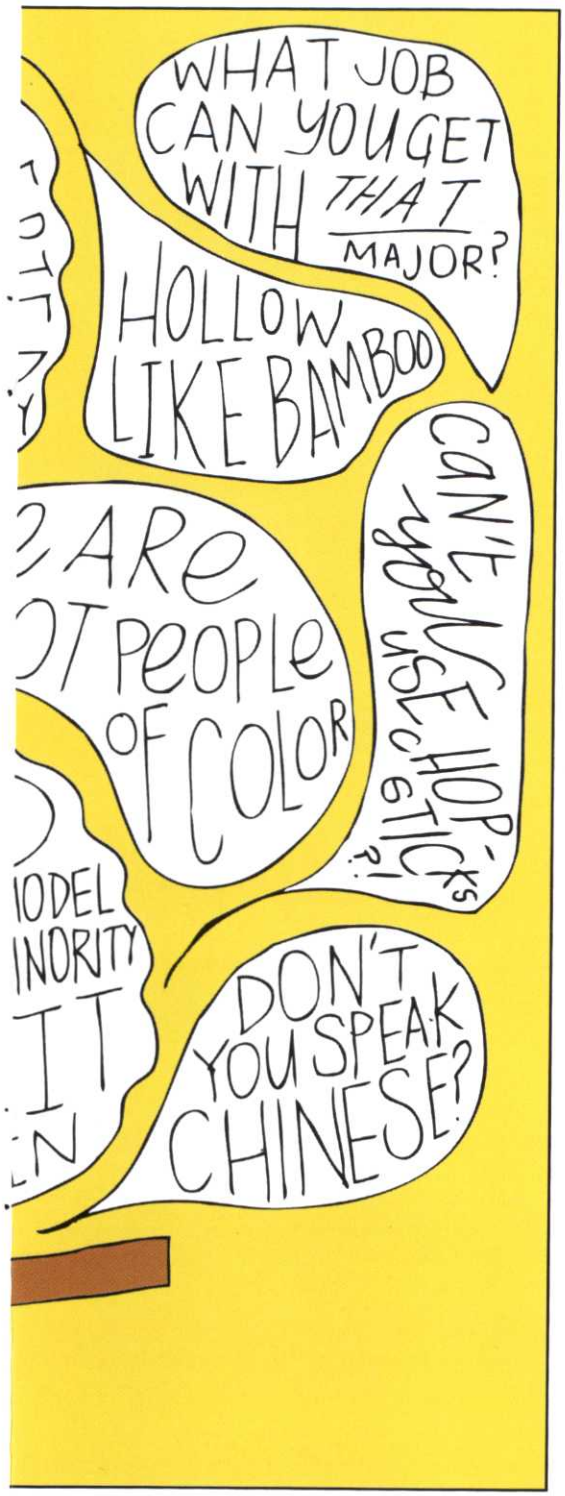

FOR MOVEMENTS TO PROSPER, WE MUST LEARN FROM THE PAST
BE WILLING TO CHANGE
UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER
AND PUSH FORTH WITH A PURPOSE.


WHAT JOB CAN YOU GET WITH THAT MAJOR?
HOLLOW LIKE BAMBOO
CAN'T YOU USE CHOPSTICKS?!
ARE PEOPLE OF COLOR
DON'T YOU SPEAK CHINESE?

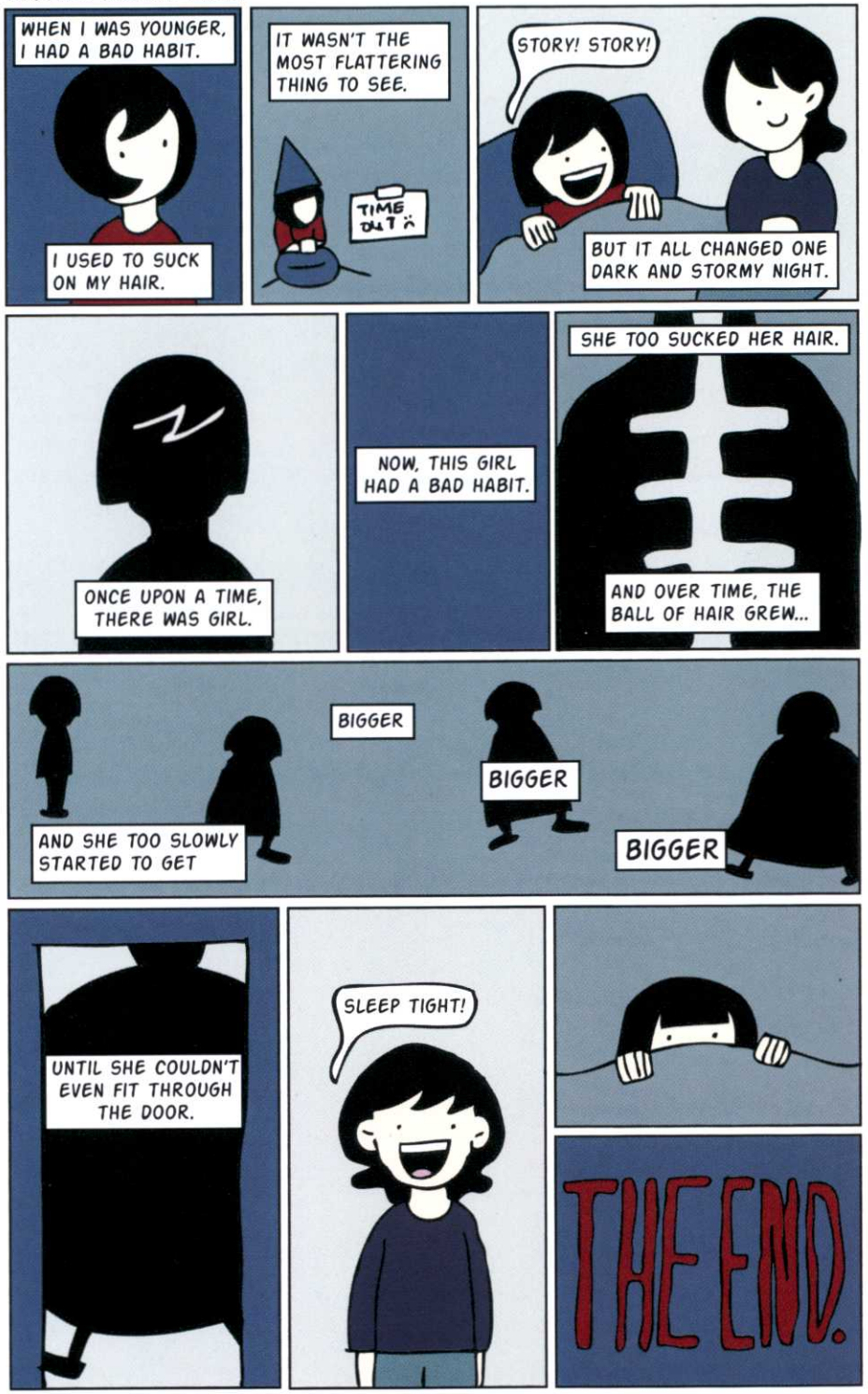
PROLOGUE

I'M NOT QUITE SURE HOW TO START OUT A COMIC BOOKLET SO HERE'S THE SHORT VERSION OF A SEVEN YEAR LONG STORY. I WAS HIGH SCHOOL WHEN I BEGAN TO DRAW COMICS. WITH SUBJECTS I DIDN'T UNDERSTAND OFTEN CAME MOST ACCESSIBLE TO ME THROUGH COMICS. AFTER LEARNING MORE ABOUT THE MEDIUM, I BEGAN TO USE IT AS A SUBSTITUTE FOR JOURNALING. COMICS BECAME THE WAY I COMMUNICATED WITH THE "REAL WORLD." IT'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE AND HASOPENED UP SO MANY OPPORTUNITIES TO BLOSSOM AS AN ARTIST, SCHOLAR, AND ACTIVIST.

THIS ASIAN AMERICAN LIFE (TAAL) STARTED AS A NEW YEARS RESOLUTION, BUT HAS SLOWLY BECOME A STORY WITHIN ITSELF. TAAL DOES NOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF ALL ASIAN AMERICAN IDENTITIES, BUT HOPES TO PROVIDE ONE PERSPECTIVE AS A WAY OF INVITING DIALOGUE ABOUT RACE/ETHNICITY, GENDER, AND A COMING OF AGE EXPERIENCE. WITH THIS SECOND EDITION, EACH COMIC HAS BEEN REDRAWN, RECOLORED, AND REMASTERED FOR YOUR ULTIMATE READING EXPERIENCE.

I'M EXCITED FOR YOU TO JOIN THE JOURNEY AND SEE FOR YOURSELF. FOR OLD TIMERS, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR NEVER ENDING SUPPORT. FOR THE NEWCOMERS, WELCOME ABOARD AND I HOPE YOU ENJOY THE RIDE!

ANOTHER BEDTIME STORY


WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I HAD A BAD HABIT.
I USED TO SUCK ON MY HAIR.
IT WASN'T THE MOST FLATTERING THING TO SEE.
TIME OUT
STORY! STORY!
BUT IT ALL CHANGED ONE DARK AND STORMY NIGHT.
ONCE UPON A TIME, THERE WAS GIRL.
NOW, THIS GIRL HAD A BAD HABIT.
SHE TOO SUCKED HER HAIR.
AND OVER TIME, THE BALL OF HAIR GREW...
AND SHE TOO SLOWLY STARTED TO GET
BIGGER
BIGGER
BIGGER
UNTIL SHE COULDN'T EVEN FIT THROUGH THE DOOR.
SLEEP TIGHT!
THE END.

years
CUT 17 PERCENT.
E HAVE TO INSERT
: COURSES INTO THE
ENERAL EDUCATION
EQUIREMENTS. IT'S
CHALLENGE, BUT
T MAKES ALL THE
DIFFERENCE.
WE ARE THE SHINING STAR WHEN THE UNIVERSITY NEEDS US, BUT MOST OF THE TIME, WE DON'T EVEN GET THE RESPECT WE DESERVE.

"WE GONNA BE ALRIGHT!"

THE ETHNIC STUDIES COLLEGE AT SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY IS CURRENTLY SUFFERING FROM BUDGET CUTS. BUILD FROM 1968'S THIRD WORLD LIBERATION STRIKES, THE ETHNIC STUDIES COLLEGE SERVES AS BOTH A REMINDER AND AN OATH TO STUDENTS OF COLOR. TO THIS DAY, SAN FRANCISCO STATE IS THE ONLY UNIVERSITY TO HAVE A COLLEGE DEDICATED TO ETHNIC STUDIES. HOWEVER, THESE BUDGET CUTS CAN LOSE CLOSE TO FORTY PERCENT OF ITS OPERATING BUDGET AND HALF OF ITS FACULTY.

"ETHNIC STUDIES IS THE ONLY SPACE THAT IS NOT CATERED TOWARDS WHITENESS. IT'S THE ONLY SPACE THAT IS CENTERED ON PEOPLE OF COLOR," BIANCA LOUIE, CURRENT ASIAN AMERICAN STUDIES GRADUATE STUDENT TOLD TFC BALITANG AMERICA, "TO ATTACK THAT ONE SPACE THAT WE HAVE MEANS MUCH FOR NOT JUST US, BUT FOR OUR COMMUNITIES." THE FIGHT IS STILL GOING ON AND GOING ON STRONG.

TO SUPPORT, PLEASE LIKE AND SHARE THE FACEBOOK PAGE AT "DEFEND AND ADVANCE ETHNIC STUDIES AT SF STATE."

THE FIGHT FOR ETHNIC STUDIES: MONEY TALKS

over 7
FUNDING HAS
BEEN
FACULTY ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR FUNDRAISING TO KEEP OUR DEPARTMENTS FUNCTIONING. TO EXPECT THIS IS UNFAIR FOR THE COLLEGE OF ETHNIC STUDIES AND ITS STUDENTS.
THE FACT THAT WE HAVE TO EVENT EXPLAIN AND DEFEND WHY ETHNIC STUDIES IS IMPORTANT IS ABSOLUTELY RIDICULOUS. THAT SHOULD NEVER BE THE CASE.

ETHNIC STUDIES MIND GAMES

HI! ARE ANY OF YOU REGISTERED VOTERS?
I'M UNDOCUMENTED.
UH... NO... I'M SORRY...
OMG, I'M SO SORRY! NOT SORRY I ASKED 'CAUSE YOU'RE UNDOCUMENTED BUT LIKE I DIDN'T MEAN TO OFFEND YOU OR ANYTHING BUT LIKE I SHOULD PROBABLY LEAVE. THIS IS EMBARRASSING. I'M SO SORRY ABOUT THIS!
THAT'S WEIRD. WEREN'T YOU BORN IN LIKE, IDAHO OR SOMETHING?
YEEEAH, BUT WHERE'S THE FUN IN THAT?

DEFINING ASIAN

ANTI-CHINESE PROPAGANDA © UNKNOWN

THE FIGHT FOR ETHNIC STUDIES: TRANSPARENCY

THE FINANCIAL INFORMATION REGARDING SFSU'S ALLOCATED DISTRIBUTED FUNDS FOR EACH COLLEGE IS PROVIDED BELOW:

WHAT? YOU EXPECTED MORE?

THE FIGHT FOR ETHNIC STUDIES: MY ROAD TO LIFE

ETHNIC STUDIES CHALLENGE ME TO FIND MY VOICE.

IT TAUGHT ME THE POWER OF KNOWING MY OWN HISTORY

OF COMMUNITY

AND OF FAMILY.

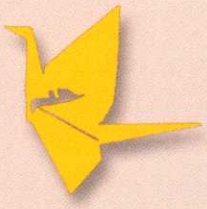
I BELIEVE IN ETHNIC STUDIES *because*

#STOPTHEASSAULT

#OURFUTUREMATTERS

#ADVANCEETHNICSTUDIES

ETHNIC STUDIES SAW ME THROUGH THE BEST

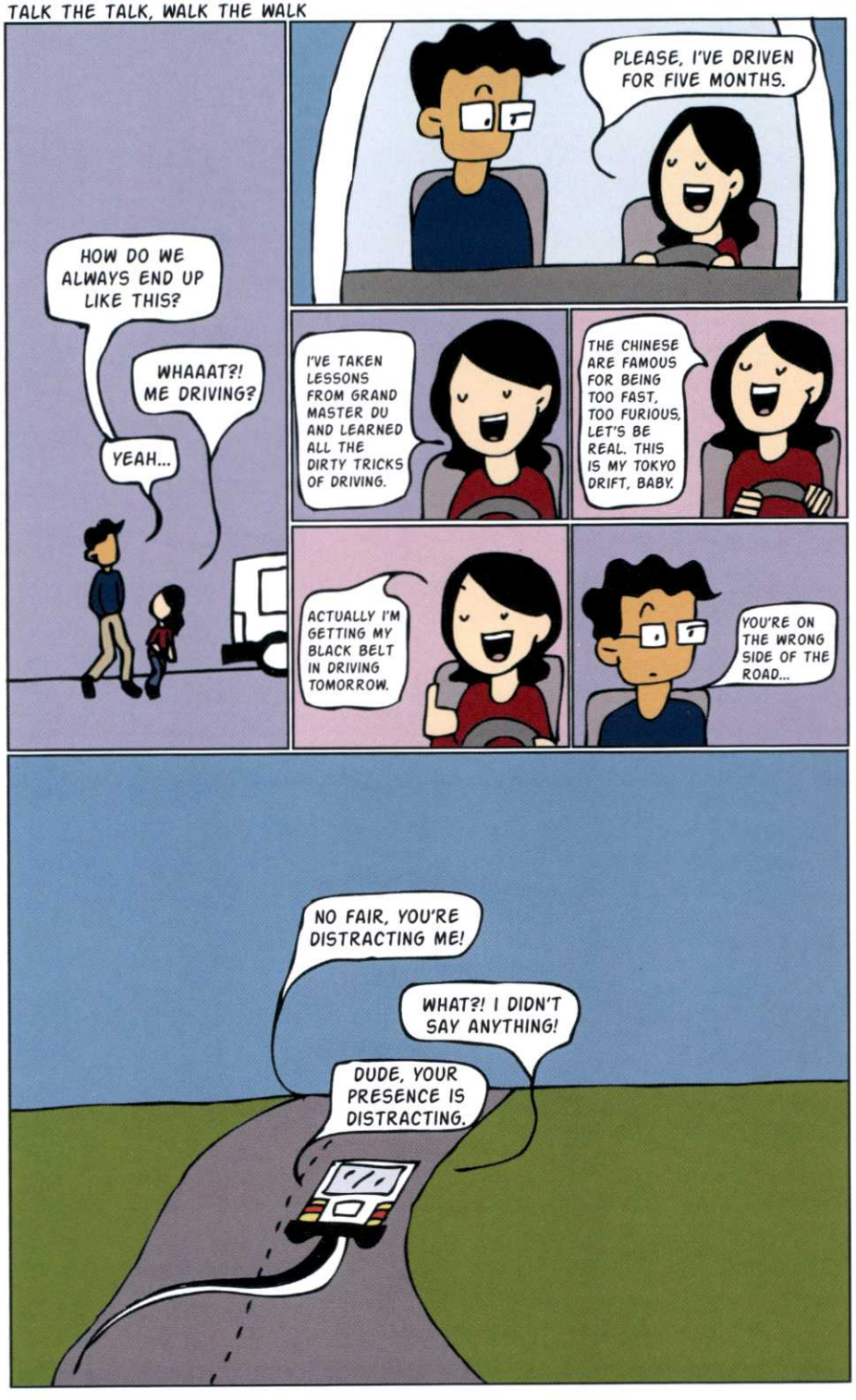


GUIDED ME THROUGH THE WORST

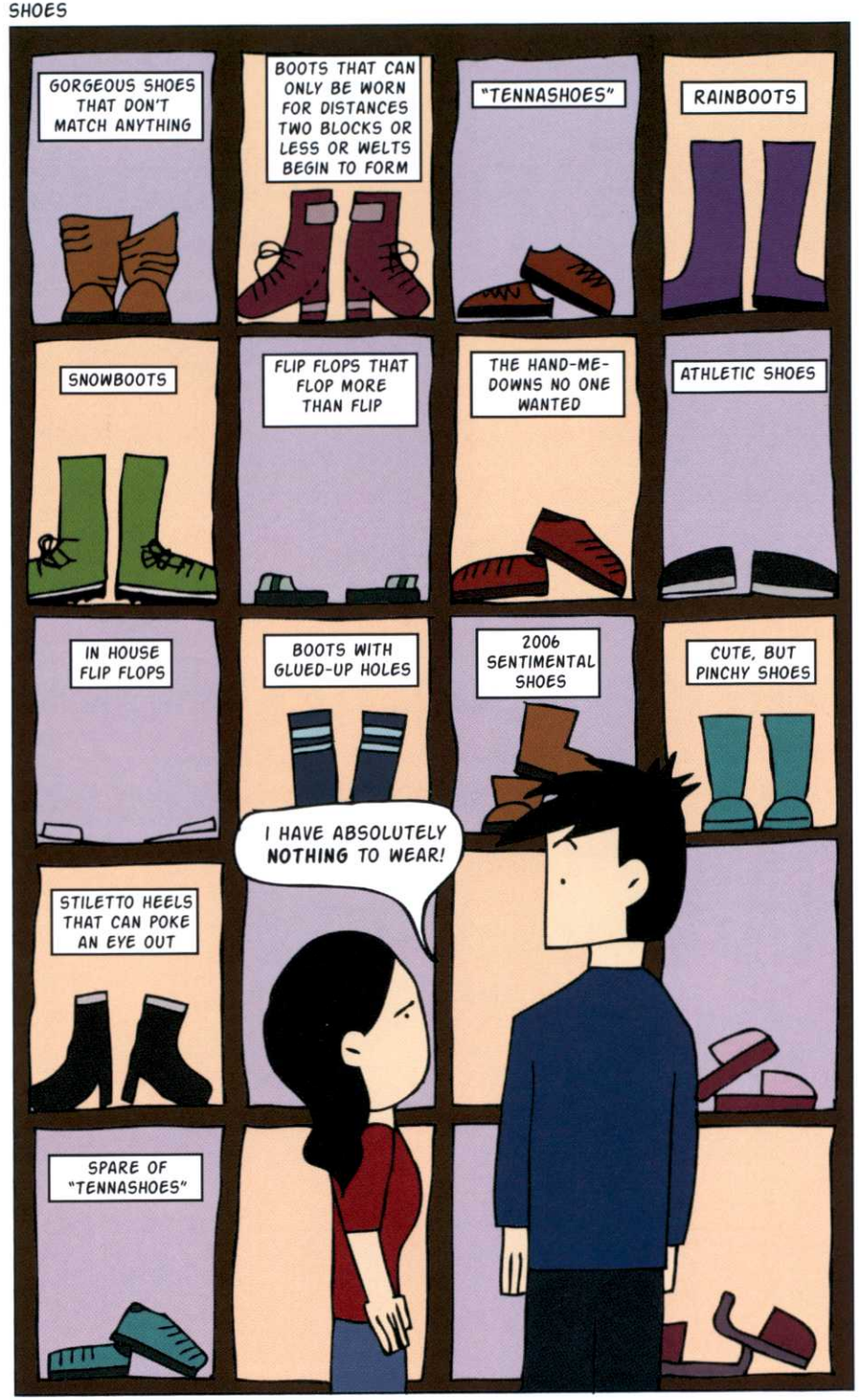
AND GAVE ME HOPE FOR A FUTURE.

IT'S A (WO)MAN'S WORLD

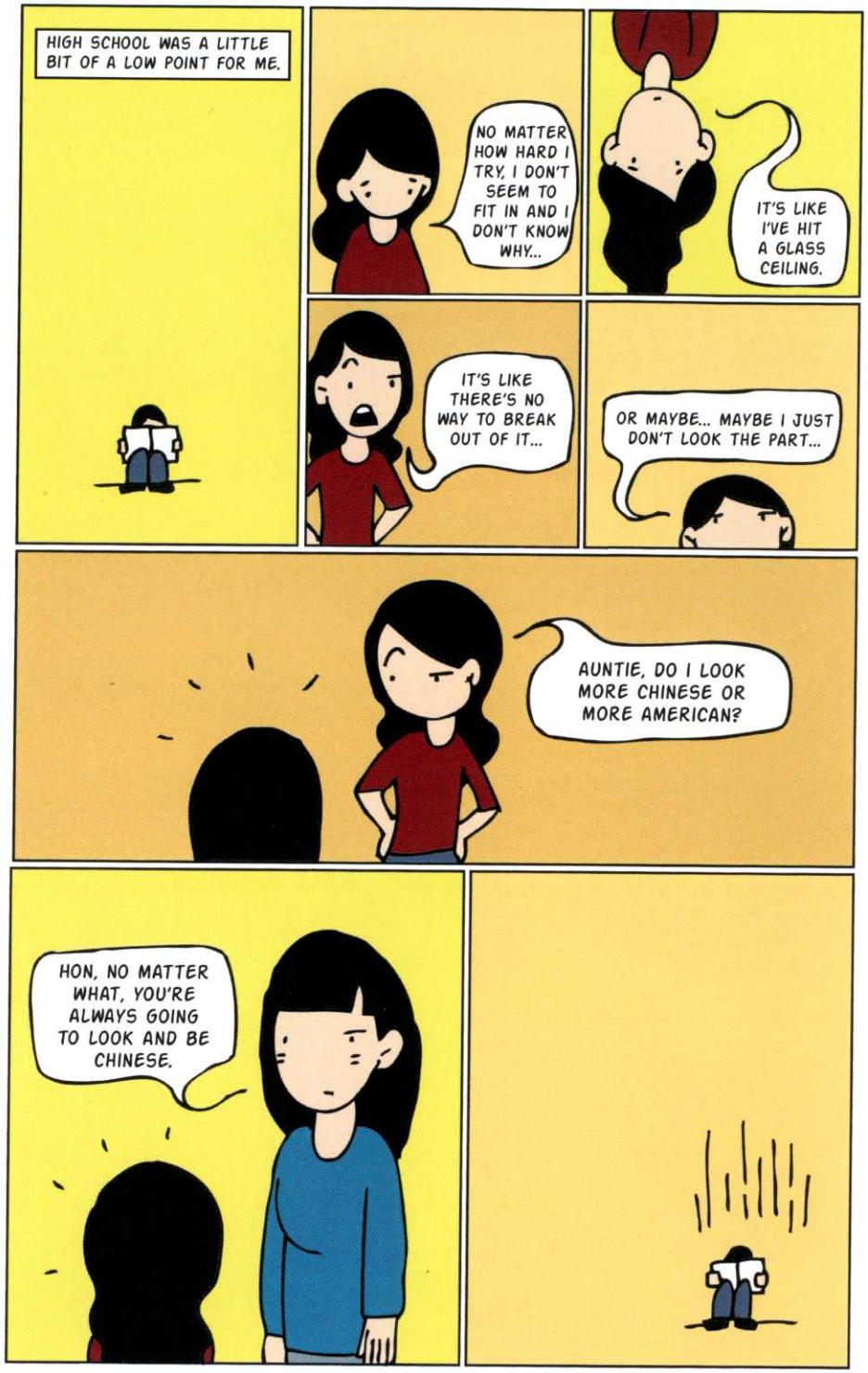
TALK THE TALK, WALK THE WALK


PLEASE, I'VE DRIVEN FOR FIVE MONTHS.
HOW DO WE ALWAYS END UP LIKE THIS?
WHAAAT?! ME DRIVING?
YEAH...
I'VE TAKEN LESSONS FROM GRAND MASTER DU AND LEARNED ALL THE DIRTY TRICKS OF DRIVING.
THE CHINESE ARE FAMOUS FOR BEING TOO FAST, TOO FURIOUS, LET'S BE REAL. THIS IS MY TOKYO DRIFT, BABY.
ACTUALLY I'M GETTING MY BLACK BELT IN DRIVING TOMORROW.
YOU'RE ON THE WRONG SIDE OF THE ROAD...
NO FAIR, YOU'RE DISTRACTING ME!
WHAT?! I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING!
DUDE, YOUR PRESENCE IS DISTRACTING.

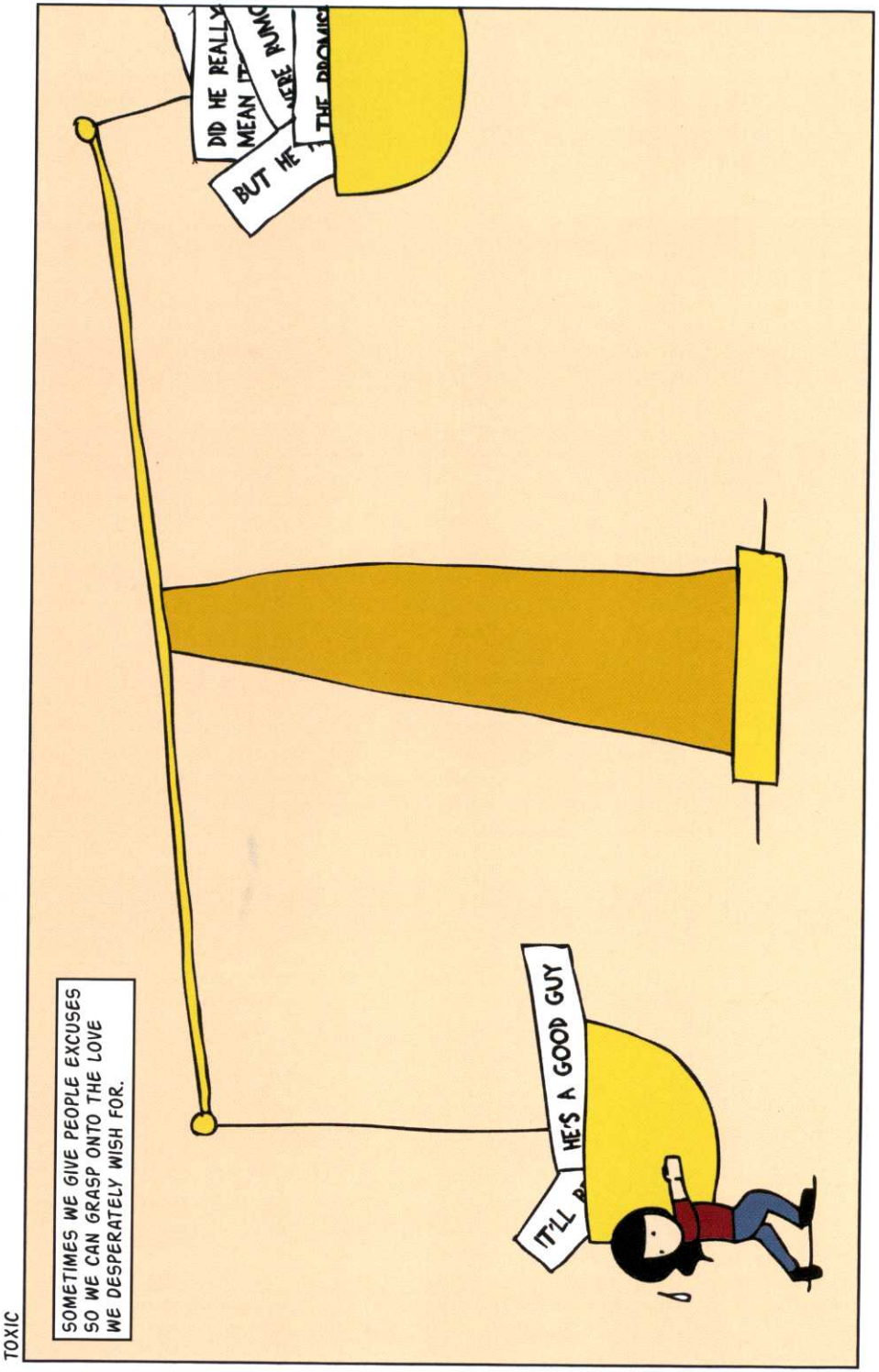
SHOES

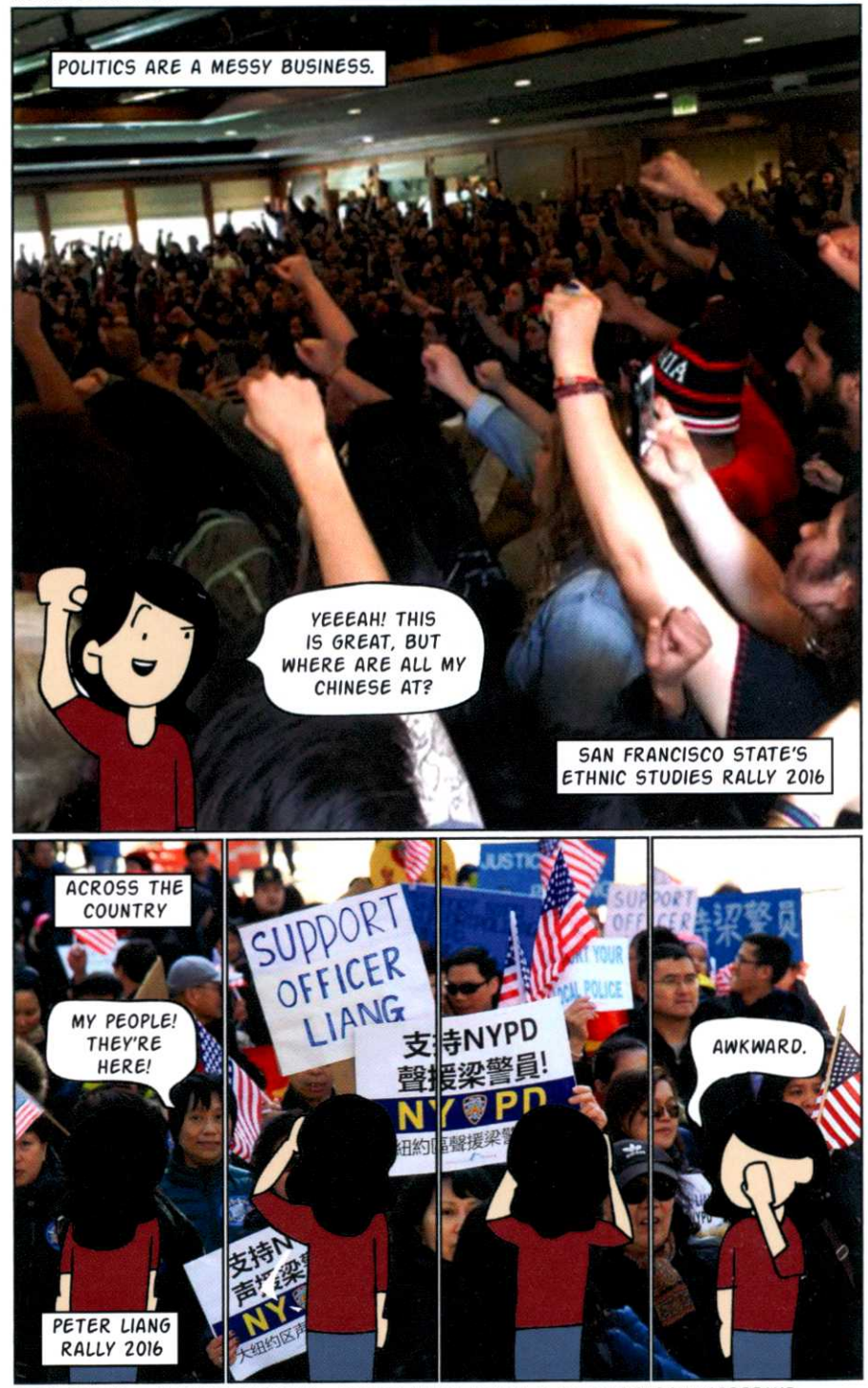

GORGEOUS SHOES THAT DON'T MATCH ANYTHING
BOOTS THAT CAN ONLY BE WORN FOR DISTANCES TWO BLOCKS OR LESS OR WELTS BEGIN TO FORM
"TENNASHOES"
RAINBOOTS
SNOWBOOTS
FLIP FLOPS THAT FLOP MORE THAN FLIP
THE HAND-ME-DOWNS NO ONE WANTED
ATHLETIC SHOES
IN HOUSE FLIP FLOPS
BOOTS WITH GLUED-UP HOLES
2006 SENTIMENTAL SHOES
CUTE, BUT PINCHY SHOES
I HAVE ABSOLUTELY **NOTHING** TO WEAR!
STILETTO HEELS THAT CAN POKE AN EYE OUT
SPARE OF "TENNASHOES"

YELLOW PERIL


HIGH SCHOOL WAS A LITTLE BIT OF A LOW POINT FOR ME.
NO MATTER HOW HARD I TRY, I DON'T SEEM TO FIT IN AND I DON'T KNOW WHY...
IT'S LIKE I'VE HIT A GLASS CEILING.
IT'S LIKE THERE'S NO WAY TO BREAK OUT OF IT...
OR MAYBE... MAYBE I JUST DON'T LOOK THE PART...
AUNTIE, DO I LOOK MORE CHINESE OR MORE AMERICAN?
HON, NO MATTER WHAT, YOU'RE ALWAYS GOING TO LOOK AND BE CHINESE.

TOXIC


DID HE REALLY
MEAN
BUT HE
IT'LL
HE'S A GOOD GUY
SOMETIMES WE GIVE PEOPLE EXCUSES SO WE CAN GRASP ONTO THE LOVE WE DESPERATELY WISH FOR.


POLITICS ARE A MESSY BUSINESS.
YEEEAH! THIS IS GREAT, BUT WHERE ARE ALL MY CHINESE AT?
SAN FRANCISCO STATE'S ETHNIC STUDIES RALLY 2016
ACROSS THE COUNTRY
MY PEOPLE! THEY'RE HERE!
PETER LIANG RALLY 2016
SUPPORT OFFICER LIANG
AWKWARD.

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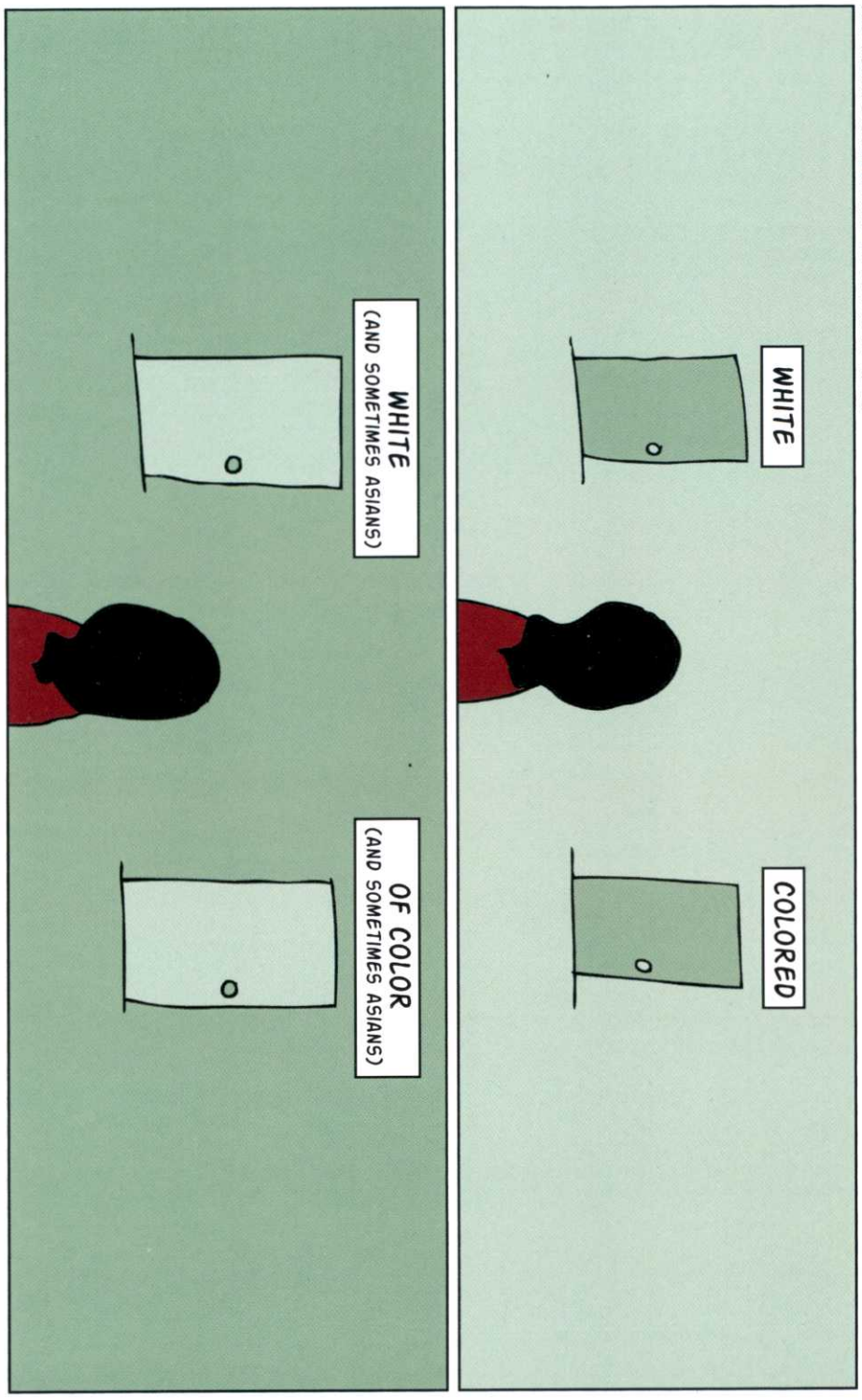
THE ALWAYS SOMEWHERE IN BETWEEN RACE